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## M.B.A. GRASS GARBER TOP COLLEGE RATINGS

### Wade Chosen Most Valuable

On the night of January 27th, a banquet was held in honor of the "Banner" sports standouts of 1946 football season. The people who were honored were Wally Butts, coach of the year, who coached the 1946 Georgia Bulldogs through their undefeated, untied season; Charlie Trippi, who was elected the most valuable player in the Southern conference; the eleven men who were on the "Banner's" All-Nashville team and M.B.A.'s own Bill Wade, who was elected the most valuable player in the Interscholastic League.

At the speaker's table at the banquet was Harry Gilmer, (last year's most valuable player in the collegiate ranks), Wade, and Trippi. First let us look back on Bill's sports career. He attended grammar school at Woodmont School where he took part in all sports. But mainly, he took to football. He started in M.B.A. in the second form in 1943. He played Microbe football, and some tennis. As a freshman in 1944 he played Cootie football and was a regular pitcher on the newly-formed baseball team. Later that summer he pitched for the "Good News" team in the city league. As the following fall came around with its traditional football season we saw Willie Wade playing second string varsity tailback. He mostly did not pass until the end of the season when his running improved. By basket ball time he played a regular guard on the Junior varsity team and varsity as a reserve. At the calendar shows, baseball follows basketball; so Bill followed the calendar, and for the second time pitched for both M.B.A. and Good News.

The rest of the story is modern history. Bill played regular tailback for the Big Red, called signals, scored and threw eleven touchdown passes. By looking over this record which has proved him to be an all-round athlete, we can all understand why he was chosen the most valuable player of the local prep school teams.

### TO "COACH"

Who is the man who year after year molds a football squad which ranks with any in the South? To whom do old alumni go when returning to the school? Whom do they look to talk to and from whom do they find out what's going on around the school?

Who is the first person we run to when we hear a good joke? Who is responsible for the high moral standards of M.B.A. boys in college and later life? Only one answer is required for all four of these questions. The answer is Coach Howard Allen. "Coach" has become almost legendary around school. When he appears before assembly, it seems that the roof would fall in from all the noise. His name is practically synonymous with M.B.A., and at M.B.A. his name is synonymous with football. "Coach" has been at M.B.A. as long as most of us can remember. He attended school here. He came here as coach as soon as he had graduated from college. Though "Coach" manufactures potent teams in all sports, his chief claim to fame lies in football. I remember a story

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### History Classes Take "Time" Test

Mr. Younger, in the first semester of the current school year, presented to members of his history classes a Current Events test instituted by Time magazine. More recently another such test was given at M.B.A. to ascertain the average student's knowledge of current affairs in the history-making world.

The test covers all types of activities that are taking place at the present time. There is a section devoted to foreign affairs, another to national events, another to sports and still other groups intended to cover all phases of modern life.

TIME first established this test twelve years ago. The first schools to participate were several prep schools, all located in the New England states. Today Time's institution knows a great expansion since the representatives of this test consist of more than 350 private schools in thirty-seven states of the country. M.B.A. is one of the seven schools represented from Tennessee. The other schools are Baxter, Baylor, Castle Heights, St. Andrews, Tennessee Military Institute and Webb.

To foster the competitive spirit to a greater extent in these tests a prize is offered to the winners of it. The prize is either a book of the student's choosing or a twelve-inch globe of the world.

The winners of the last test given at M.B.A. were Russell Campbell in the Senior class with a score of 73 and Tommy Watts in the Sophomore class with a score of 68.

M.B.A. is proud of these winners especially because of the scope of the questions involved.

### Mountain Lake Camp To Open

This summer Howard Allen and George Reynolds plan to open a summer camp six miles from Monticello, Tenn. Both men are well qualified to run a camp of this sort because of their close contact with boys. Of course you all know Coach, George Reynolds is the vice-chancellor at the University of the South at Seawane. He coached at Castle Heights Military Academy for 12 years and at Seawane for 10.

The camp will open on June 26 and close on August 22. Most of the camp has been completed already. While the tennis courts will be completed in the spring, twenty-one buildings are ready. These include a mess hall, a gymnasium, a hobby shop, and houses for Mr. Reynolds and Coach. Mrs. Allen will serve in the capacity of dietitian. The tuition is \$275.

The main counselor will be Harry Gilmer, of All-American fame. His chief duty will be to head the waterfront; however he will carry on a class for football. The Alabama star will play a big part in making the camper's summer a success.

The camp will offer a varied curricula to the campers. All water sports, such as swimming, canoeing, rowboating, and tripping will be open to the boys. A dock and diving board have been constructed. Also an opportunity to participate in all out door activities will be presented. Besides the major sports of football, baseball and basketball, golf at Seawane, tennis, badminton, and volleyball will aid to make the summer more enjoyable.

Coach hopes to be to take both the varsity and "B" squads to camp for two weeks after the regular camp season has closed. Coach Hackman would be in charge of the

### Key Club Organized At M. B. A.

M.B.A. has been privileged in the past few days to found a chapter of the very worthy Key Club. The Key Club is composed of male high school students who desire to take upon themselves certain projects directed toward improvements of the city by various methods.

The first assemblage of this organization took place in March in which time Mr. Sager informed the selected members of the purposes and aims of the club.

The Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, a prominent civic group, after which it is modeled, and strives to accomplish on a small scale the works which the Kiwanis club effects in a greater extent. Every meeting of this newly-organized club will be attended by a member of the Kiwanis Club who will, by guidance and aid, direct the club in its work.

The main requirements for membership in the Key Club is that the candidates must be in the upper one-third of their classes. From this group seven members will be chosen to represent that class in the club.

As yet no specific project has been outlined but steps have been taken for the commencement of a definite program in the near future.

"B" squad. No doubt this plan of squads, who would like to get away for a couple of weeks before the school year begins. Then too, this would be a golden opportunity to get the squad in shape.

Anyone who is interested in the camp should speak to Coach at once. A catalogue has been published, which you may obtain from him, and he can acquaint you with all the details.

### 46er's Compile Significant Record

Records, recently released from six institutions of higher learning, give the 1946 M.B.A. graduates an unusually high percentage.

Statistics show twenty-four of last year's graduating class, with courses totalling 109 hours, enrolled in the six colleges. In the first semester, 106 of these 109 hours were satisfactorily completed, according to the report.

A frequent under-graduate boast is the splendid record shown by the alumni of the particular high or preparatory school in the university of his choice. This, while showing a commendable school spirit and loyalty, is more often the result of bravado and wishful thinking. Numerous bull sessions have been held on this ever-popular subject but most claims are based on word-of-mouth reports rather than available data. The figures, as given out, are the only yard sticks by which the claims of the preparatory schools can be accurately measured.

Members of the M.B.A. faculty and student body are now armed with statistics that provide a solid foundation for their claims regarding the subsequent records of their graduates.

Certainly such figures as have been quoted tell of the excellent and thorough standards of the teaching staff.

It is strongly hoped, with thoughts now turned toward another graduation, that the members of the class of '47 will take up the challenge and attempt to surpass the record of the class of '46.

### Hoots and Desks

A case that would challenge the sharpest ingenuity of Sherlock Holmes or Perry Mason presented itself not many days ago. During the lunch period, a group of boys—twelve perhaps—were gathered around the piano in the Science building study hall. They were giving a lusty rendition of "Clementine," augmenting their blaring verbal exhortation with the tinkle of the piano and a subtle but firm stamping of the feet.

All went well until the fourth chorus was begun. Then in a rather loquacious fashion, the desk that until that time had remained quiet upon the platform began to slither toward the edge of the platform. Finally the desk found itself without staddle. Mr. Newton's law grasped the desk and threw it on the floor. The singers fled. Not a scantling of music hallowed the hall. A lacerated desk lay dangling in the dust.

Immediately after discovering the prostrate desk, the sixth period study hallkeeper dashed to our headmaster like a loup-garou. Five bells—and five more. The school assembled and immediately Inspector Sager began the investigation. The culprit was ludicrous. Billy Price gave Inspector Sager a passing spasm of tectancy. He slyly parried each of the good man's queries.

A desk was never tessellated by a hall from a platform, this our headmaster knew. Furthermore, the hurling about of desks is nothing to encourage, even at M.B.A. On the strength of the aforementioned truths, Mr. Sager delivered the ultimatum. Either those responsible when must admit guilt or the entire group must suffer. Hoots act-

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## WHAT IS IT?

The question asked about Nashville for the past month or two is "What is Phoochism?" Now for the first time the true facts of the Phoochistic powers are released to the outside world. For the past one hundred years these facts have been kept under cover by the F.B.I.

Phoochism is not a democratic organization. It was formed long ago—not to help others but to make its members more wealthy. This new heard-of but old sect was brought out of the Renaissance period of years and years ago. The originator of this vast and aggressive movement was Galilea who saw great need for an organization of this kind. Later in 1320 Galilea was exiled and went to Pashull, Russia, thirty miles north of Moscow. In 1348 much of this new but up and coming movement of Europe was on the verge of being annihilated by the Black Death. One of the Phoochists in good standing was Dr. George Carter who worked in his laboratory for days, weeks and months and finally found that the Black Death was caused by borderline anemia, a national blood deficiency. Dr. Carter finally evolved a cure and Carter's little liver pills were the result.

Later Dr. Carter gave up medicine and changed his name to Cartier. On April 20, 1534 Cartier, at the mere age of 234 years, set out to find new lands and to teach the gospel of Phooch to the un-

civilized people of Africa, India and many other countries that they might taste the fruits of civilization. One month later Cartier was hit with a poison spit was thrown by an African native and was instantly killed.

After the death of Cartier Phoochism saw a great need for foreign teachers. In America Phoochism had but one group in 1536. That was local 12,881 of Brooklyn, but this proved to be only the beginning. As civilization moved westward, so did Phoochism. It was a Phoochist who discovered the Mississippi River, it was a Phoochist who discovered the Rocky Mountains and it was a Phoochist who discovered the Santa Anita race track where Crosby's horse had already gotten a start for the 1946 handicap.

During the first World War Phoochism was on the ocean, in the air and in the trenches of France. Wherever the men would go the word was "Phoochism." It was Phoochism in the minds of the soldiers that overpowered the Kaiser. After this Kaiser was exiled and carried to America, the ships during World War II, in peace time he converted and in cooperation with a fellow by the name of Frasier began the manufacture of cars.

Phoochism dropped in 1935 and was obsolete in the minds of Americans until a young lad of Nashville, Tenn., became interested in the

movement. After years of study at J.I.P. (Johnson Institute of Phoochism), this young man was admitted into the ranks of local 12,116, of Nashville, located at 621 1/2 Cedar St., above the "Try Me" barber shop. This young man is no other than Dr. William Rhodes who is a direct descendant of his parents. Dr. Rhodes promoted his belief throughout Nashville and at present it is the talk of the town.

Abolishment of Phoochism is now virtually impossible, due to the well-organized work of Dr. Rhodes. The following statement was recently received from Dr. Rhodes—and I quote—"I think that if all people of this fair city could see the toil, struggle and hard labor forced on young men and boys at the Harding Road Concentration Camp, just inside the city limits of Nashville, each and every one of you would be eager to convert your political and moral beliefs to Phoochism. I would be greatly pleased to see many new members who are prepared to report at the meeting of local 12,116 at 3:00 a.m. in the regular meeting room.

All members and believers of Phoochism deeply appreciated the recent telegram from President Truman extolling the greatness and belligerency of our organization. Let this soak in, good people, and take heed.

Any similarity to names of persons living or dead is purely intentional.



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## IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

Once upon a time in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-one, in the month of September, to be exact, twenty-three untired but valiant youths set sail on the good ship M.B.A. Each was in quest of a White Sheepskin which, 'twas said, could be found only in the far away Land of Learning.

Well they knew the long and tedious distances they must travel over dreary frozen seas but of the perils and hazards of the journey they knew only in part. Like Jason and his Argonauts of old they were of noble hearts—not seekers of gold but willing to expend their all in their search for Truth.

There were six distinct and separate stages in this journey and none could be embarked upon until the previous one had been completed and thoroughly conquered. Mentors and guides were stationed along the way but they were empowered to go only certain distances. Other than this our heroes were forced to rely entirely on their own ingenuity, skill and daring.

Thus we find our voyagers face to face with their first peril—a brazen footed bull known far and wide by the ominous name "First Form." "Unloose your magic bull!" cried the youths in one voice. Straight toward them came a huge white bull with lowered head, tossing a heavy yellow mane and breathing forth devouring flames from wide, distended nostrils! Straight and strong and unafraid stood the line of heroes. The breath of flames swept round them but it singed not a hair of their heads. Finally forth sprang the line of youths and seized the bull by the horns: up and down they wrestled till the bull fell grovelling on his knees. Fully tamed, the bull was harnessed, yoked to a plow and put on board. A roll call revealed only a few lost in the Battle of the Bull.

Gathering a few new recruits they sailed into the second stage. And it was like unto the first—a huge white bull bearing the name "Second Form." Fortified with knowledge gleaned from the first encounter "Second Form" was likewise overcome, harnessed and loaded on the ship. Again 'twas found that some had perished in the fight.

Now numbering thirty-two and with "First Form" and "Second Form" well-yoked to a plow, they set sail for the four acres in the Land of Learning. An imposing company they were, having grown in beauty, tallness and vigorous manhood.

Let us mercifully skip the heart-breaking details of the plowing of the first three acres. The obstacles were innumerable. Rocks and snags oftentimes all but upset the plow, underbrush had to be cleared and there were the long stretches hard baked by a pitiless sun and untouched by rain. But through it all they maintained the wisdom and patience necessary to drive a clean, straight furrow.

Traditionally, those who conquered unto the fourth acre would there receive the magic garb of "Senior Privileges." This robe, 'twas claimed, gave the wearer new strength and vigor, greater wisdom and a broader tolerance. Thus could he become a guide unto the stumbling feet of those who followed, an honor to his mentors and a fit recipient of the White Sheepskin.

We salute you, Noble Tillers of the Fourth Acre! May the Magic Mantle of "Senior Privileges," long withheld, be placed upon your worthy shoulders and may you wear it with a hero's grace and modesty.

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## Class News

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The Microbe Basketball team should be sure with their players on it: Ben Moore, Bobby Lance, Bobby Graham, Jimmy Peliteri, Jackie Duncan, Joe Worrall, John Hollins, Douglas Huntley and George Smartt.

Harold (Finnegan) Lowe got the most wonderful Christmas present, a pair of beautiful brown and red "Cowboy boots!" Now Finnegan is really sharp.

John Thornton left the Alma Mater and went to San Antonio, Texas, where he will make his home.

Hollins, Jackie Duncan and Bobby Lance made the Privilege List.

Proverb:—It's funny that a woman who can spot a blonde hair on your coat at ten paces can't see a pair of garage doors.

## FRESHMAN NEWS

Ken "Putt-putt-crash" Hardcastle knocked on the door of Bill Caldwell's room at the Hermitage Hotel (plug, paid for). He asked Bill to open up but Bill answered, "Can't, Coor's locked."

"Well, unlock it."

"Can't, have no key."

"God, man! What will you do if there is a fire?"

"Can't go."

## WANT ADS

Will the person who stole Joe Loser's algebra book, please burn it?

WANTED—One comic book in exchange for a science notebook (out of date, of course).

LOST—One penny, dated 1919 with Abe Lincoln's picture on it. Thought to be lost on either the 278th or 279th brick from study hall. "Fletcher" please return to "Tightwad" John Pogue and hurry.

FOUND—One firecracker, and lost one match. If owners get together we can combine and combust.

WANTED—Someone named Richard to demonstrate at the Ajax Door Company.

Well, in that case, CHEERIO. I had better be shovelling off.

## JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Jimmy "Hot Rod Jockey" Talbot is designing a new hot rod. He sincerely hopes it will top all previous records set by his famed "Fire Chief." Good luck, Jimmy!

Saw Bill "Hairy Ape" Bailey and Dopey "Hop-land" Howard at lunch period the other day. I could have sworn that they weren't on friendly terms. The fight was over the grave matter, "to pay, or not to pay." Our ace photographer was there covering the fight from every angle.

Congratulations to David "I love Lynn" Wiley for beating Harry "I love Harry and Lynn" Corson's time. Dave went as far as placing a spy in Corson's car while parked in front of a local honky-tonk. Keep up the good work, Dave.

Looks as if Bell Buckle, Tennessee offers a great attraction for boys from M.B.A. The paper staff has lost two ace paper men. We surely will miss Booby Walker and Frank Smith.

I hear Ed "Set Shot" Nelson, Jake "The Dribbler" Wallace, Harry "I'd Rather Play Snowbirds" Corson, and John "I Shoot Anytime and Any Place" Rodgers have organized a basketball team. The only difficulty is they need a fifth man. If you want to apply, see "Set Shot" Nelson. I hear McFall, who gave them all lessons, couldn't even make first string, so now he is playing Junior Varsity ball.

I hear Bobby "I Smoke and Drink, and Wouldn't Stop For The World" Brown is making plans to convert the school attic into a pool hall. His reason is to take money off poor boys like Thomas "Dr. I. Q." Kennedy, John "Nose" Ambrose, and Fred "Cue Ball" Wiggs.

K. Rankin.

## SENIOR NEWS

Russell Campbell joined the Columbian movement last week. He says Communism is too unpopular.

George Griffin has been looking for a job for next summer. He found one last week. He is going to

be a governor in Georgia. Arnall created a vacancy.

Billy Carpenter thinks he might "slip up and get privileged next time." Faculty will please note this statement by Billy. He shall not pass!

Richard Fletcher has decided to become a cowboy and own a ranch. He plans to adopt the CIRCLE J as his brand. Good luck to Captain Fletcher.

George Cole has lately been cultivating a taste for perovide. George wears McGregor socks and shirts too.

Charles Embry carries fascinating stencils on his blue shirt. He was glad M.B.A. and West played their game Saturday instead of Friday, too. We wonder why?

James Strother capitalized on "Open is door, Recard," for a theme in English. He baffled Mrs. Bitter by writing it in French. It baffled M. Cornelius also. He had no idea James was a French student.

Bill Rhodes was embarrassed last Thursday. He didn't know the alphabet and consequently could not sing Mr. Sager's new song. (First Mr. Rule, now Mr. Sager, but R. L. wants everyone to sing his).

Well, cherrio, men, don't take any wooden nickels or anything less than five demerits.

## Smile Awhile

By Jimmy Bradford

Willie, with a thirst for gore, Nailed the baby to the door. Mother said, with humor quint, "Willie, dear, don't spoil the paint."

A prosperous gangster, having arrived at a dinner party with some of his friends, discovered that he had forgotten to bring his gun. He telephoned to his valet and the following conversation took place:

Gangster: "Say, George, I want you to hurry along here with my gun."

Valet: "Your what?"

Gangster: "My gun."

Valet: "I still can't hear you."

Gangster: "My gun G-U-N. G like in justice, U like in Europe N like in pneumonia."

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## "Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

By Houston Thomas

Back again, ain't you sorry? Well, so is the column.

What's this I hear about Lacy Erwin and Tommy Goodloe? Is he really going to break that other guy's neck or not? Caldwell, that is.

We were sorry to see Bobby Walker and Frank Smith leave for Webb School. They were sorry to see them leave, too.

We are glad to hear that Moulton Farrar III has graduated from M.B.A. He's really on the "rocks" now.

Hear Jamison Farrar is going to Virginia Military Institute next year. What is Irene-Military Installation-Potter going to do. How about that, Perkins???

Saw Tommy McEwen out parked last night. That wasn't no basketball he was huggin' unless it had blonde hair, dimples and brown eyes.

Have seen a lot of Fletcher and Trilby around. Why Fletcher, when Fletcher, where Fletcher?

Saw Polly and Bill skating on the lake the other night. Bill didn't look very cold. Wish I had a date like that for a cold night.

Hang-on-to-every-cent Stengle was out at the Mote Saturday night. Not in the part that had a cover charge, of course.

What do Price, Davis, Blackie and that bunch of crooks do out in a convertible late at night with field glasses? Guess!!!

See that "Flash" McCown is still working on the time clock in the gym. If it does not work maybe we can change it into a "car repair" shop.

Saw "Sparks" out with his girl the other night. She gave him the name, no doubt!

We are now honored with the presence of Charles Embry at M.B.A. Rah! Rah! Rah!

Well, guess I had better be shovelling off. Take it easy or otherwise.

Bird's Eye.

## Wishing Well

By Glenn Greene

According to the latest survey, there are many minor improvements. I was almost swamped with After asking the boys what they wanted in the way of improvements, 'twas almost swamped with "statements to the press."

George Cole, one of the muscle-men of M.B.A., desires a set of dumb-bells for use in the gym.

John Ambrose came through with a good idea concerning the odor-proofing of the laboratory. Gas masks should be issued to all the unfortunate boys who have to stay in the lab.

Some anonymous Casanova wishes a mirror in both the upstairs and downstairs part of the gym.

In the case of T. W., what has become of the coat-of-arms? It would be a capital idea if we hung a coat-of-arms in the Honor Room.

Henry Fitz definitely wants the demerit system revised so that one boy won't pile up too many demerits from several members of the faculty.

John Haselton saved the day by suggesting that the desks in the study hall be fixed, the sinks in the lab replaced by new ones and the dances be held every month as planned last year.

In conclusion, another anonymous soul wishes door knobs to be put on the doors of the study hall and the gym.





## "MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By Bernard Werthan, Jr.

The topic in the minds of every one now is basketball. At the first of the season it appeared that M.B.A. had one of the best teams of the decade. Since then, however, the shadows of ineptitude have covered the team. First Murdock was lost through a debatable rule of the TSSAA. Then at mid-term Sparks, Morris, and Ehrhart, were lost on account of failures. In spite of these losses the team has been making a remarkable record for themselves. While all their wins have been by sizeable margins, their losses have come by virtue of last minute field goals. Yes, all our luck has been foul so far. We can hope for better breaks during the coming tournament.

But all is not bad. With only the loss of Captain Lavender, Coach may produce a phenomenal team next year. The rest of the first team will return with the Holly Murdock, who gave a terrific exhibition in the West game. Though he spotted two inches in money, he controlled both backboards. He is perhaps the only center this year who has been able to hold his own against the West stalwart. His services have been sorely missed. Also Tim Nelson, who has returned from West, will be eligible for basketball, though not in football, in which he participated this fall.

The gang will be seeded either first or fourth in the Eighth District tourney, depending on the West game, which had not been completed at the time this article was written.

The tennis team must look outside the city for competition. There is no team in the city, which can give them a good workout. Coach Rule is planning trips to meet Mid-South competition. A team from Elgin, Illinois is contemplating a trip to Nashville. Evidently our fame has spread. Incidentally Darrington is the team to beat in the Mid-South tournament this year.

Spring practice will bring out Bill Wade, first Junior to ever capture the BANNER's most valuable player award. Billy Joe Ehrhart Nashville's highest scorer, and George Engle in the backfield. Only Bob Ezell returns from the line. All of these are extremely capable, but Coach must develop some more "mules" if the team is to match this year's bunch.

Rumor has it that the football stands may be extended to the ends of the field. This would give M.B.A. the largest stands in the city. Coach Allen was unable to make any statement in regard to the enlargement.

### Junior Varsity Scores

M.B.A. "B" 31 Lipscomb "B" 32  
Klein 4 F Bill Bradshaw 2  
Chickley 10 F B. Bradshaw 9  
Blackard 12 C Head 2  
Wade 3 G Carman 9  
Leech G Canby 7  
Subs: M.B.A.—Miller 2. Lipscomb—Way 3.

M.B.A. "B" 26 Hillsboro "B" 17  
Klein 2 F Bivins 2  
Chickley 7 F Finley 4  
Blackard 5 C Mann 2  
Leech 7 G Harris 7  
Wade 1 G Hart  
Subs: M.B.A.—Fox 2; Miller 2. Hillsboro—Rollins 2; Wolfe 1.

M.B.A. "B" 23 T.S.S. "B" 19  
Klein 2 F Murphy 5  
Chickley 9 F Pearson  
Blackard 9 C Wildes 6  
Wade G Biles 4  
Leech 3 G Mann 2  
Subs: T.S.S.—Greggs 2.

M.B.A. "B" 25 Peabody "B" 18  
Klein 3 F Moore 2  
Chickley 6 F Adams 5  
Blackard 8 G Storey  
McFall 2 G Beal 9  
Wade 2 G Jones 2  
Subs: M.B.A.—Leech 4.

# SPORTS

THE BELL RINGER

## BASKETBALL SUMMARY

### West Decisions MBA, 26-25

A last second desperation shot by Billy Lawrence, West High's ace forward, defeated the Maroons in their first game of the season, 26-25.

The score was close in all four periods of the game and with Murdock's excellent handling of the ball off the backboard, it seemed anybody's ball game.

The ball was shot frequently during the last minutes of the game and each basket made produced a roar of approval from the crowd, which shook the roof from its eaves.

When there was but one minute and thirty seconds left to play, M.B.A. scored a goal and the game seemed on ice. And then with ten seconds remaining in play, Lawrence made a one handed long shot, which rattled against the backboard into the basket, noting out a fighting Maroon team 26-25.

The experts who had rated the West Blue Jays, 1946 State Champions, a strong favorite were amazed to see an unseasoned M.B.A. quintet hold the Blue Jays to a one point decision.

### MBA - Peabody Game

The Big Red rolled ahead on its victory streak. The next victim was Peabody Demonstration School by the score of 61 to 36. Peabody shared the lead early in the first quarter but as soon as our five found their range they took the game out of the fire. M.B.A. held an easy half time lead of 30 to 16. Lavender scored 16 points for M.B.A. being closed followed by Worrall with 15 and Morrissey with 8. Wood did the scoring for the opposing five with 17 points. This was the first daytime game played this year.

Before the game the junior varsity won over the Peabody Junior varsity.

M.B.A. (61) Peabody (36)  
Worrall 15 F Vaughn 8  
Morrissey 8 F Kuykendall 3  
Hawkins 5 C Wood 17  
Lavender 16 G Root 5  
Wade 4 G Potter  
Subs: M.B.A. Calton 4; Whitaker 2; Nelson 3; McEwen 2. Peabody—Rowe 3.

### MBA Wallops Lipscomb, 43-21

Despite a small gymnasium, and a wet night which kept many of M.B.A.'s roosters in, and Holly Murdock's ineptitude, the Maroons defeated David Lipscomb 43-21. Although Murdock was missed his shoes were filled as well as they could be by Jack Whitaker, Tommy McEwen and Harley Hawkins.

M.B.A.'s quintet was slow to start and it was not until after the half that they began to hit their pace. Sparks leading the offense for 10 points. After that M.B.A. was never thwarted in its offensive play.

As a whole the play of the M.B.A. quintet seemed inferior to that in former games. Perhaps it was the absence of Murdock or the Lipscomb gym. In the last half the Maroons showed the brand of play of which they are capable.

### MBA - Peabody Game

M.B.A. went to a smashing 45 to 21 victory over Peabody five on the night of January.

The game was M.B.A.'s all the way. Score at the end of the quarters being 12 to 1, 24 to 12, 35 to 15, 45 to 21.

Morrissey lead the scoring for the Big Red as he racked up 12 points in three quarters. Lavender followed with 8 and Whitaker 7. Vaughn led the scoring for Peabody with Smith and Root following. The second string played most all the game for M. B. A. with Morrissey and Whitaker seeing the most action. M.B.A. didn't seem to click that night since this was the

second night without the services of Holly Murdock. Tech the usual center although Hawkins was doing nicely until he got put out in the third quarter by fouls.

M.B.A. (45) Peabody 21  
Wade 6 F Vaughn 8  
Worrall 4 F Smith 4  
Hawkins C Rowe 2  
Sparks G Root 5  
Lavender 8 G Kuykendall 1  
Subs: M.B.A.—Whitaker 7; McEwen 2; Calton 2; Morrissey 12;

### Maroons Down Father Ryan, 41-32

A fast breaking Maroon quintet defeated the Father Ryan Panthers 41-32 in a game which kept the crowd on pins and needles.

It was very close in the first two periods of the game, but in the third quarter the combination of Murdock's backboard shot and Lavender breaking down the floor again proved a fatal one—Murdock scoring 10 points and Lavender 15.

The Maroons, in comparison with previous games, seemed to show great improvement in their teamwork and defense. Especially outstanding on defense were Jack Sparks and Bill Wade. The Maroon's defense held Chuan, Ryan's star guard, to 10 points.

An overflow crowd filled the M.B.A. gymnasium for the tilt which was broadcast by WKDA.

### MBA - Hume-Fogg

The Big Red lost for the second time on January 24th. The winner being Hume-Fogg Tech by the one point difference of 34 to 33. Duncan's lone tally accounted for the difference.

The score at the end of the third quarter stood 24 to 23 in favor of Hume-Fogg. Jones made two tallies which gave Tech a 28 to 23 lead but Wade, Morrissey and Lavender made one basket each to change the score to 29 to 28 for M.B.A. Then Jones and Craig changed the score to 32 to 29 for Hume-Fogg; following those up Sparks and Morrissey made one each to change it to 33 to 32 for M.B.A. In the last 15 seconds Duncan slipped through the forewall and made a short crib shot.

M.B.A. (33) Hume-Fogg (34)  
Morrissey 10 F Jones 12  
Worrall 6 F Bates 1  
Wade 11 C Craig 9  
Lavender 4 G Duncan 5  
Sparks 5 G Wright 5  
Subs: M.B.A.—McEwen 15. Hume-Fogg—Pickle 2.

### MBA - Duncan Game

M.B.A. again rolled on to another decisive victory, this being the fourth, and the loser being the Duncan quintet who suffered a 44 to 19 loss.

The game was a fast action game although the score didn't indicate it. Bobby Worrall led the Big Red score with 10 points followed by Wade and Lavender with 8 points each and Morrissey with 7. Jones led the scoring for the losers with 9 tallies followed by Burras and Moore with 3 each.

M.B.A. (44) Duncan (19)  
Wade 8 F Jones 9  
Worrall 10 F Jakes 9  
Whitaker 3 C Green 2  
Lavender 8 G Burras 3  
Sparks 3 G McMurray 2  
Subs: M.B.A.—Morrissey 7; Hawkins 2; McEwen 1; Calton 2. Duncan—Moore 3.

### MBA - North Game

The Big Red rolled on to their fifth victory the night of January 21st; the loser being North High.

The final score was 51 to 39. Hardy Lavender led the score for the Big Red with 15 points and Worrall and Sparks with 9 and 8 respectively. Nipper led for the losers with 13 points followed by Rector and Hayes with 11 and 8 respectively. The game was close but a hard hitting last quarter copied the win for M.B.A.

### MBA - T.S.S. Game

M.B.A. rolled on to another easy victory by trouncing the T.S.S. five 47 to 31. The Big Red held an easy lead all the way. Worrall led the score for M.B.A. with 19. He was followed by Morrissey and Lavender with 12 and 9 respectively. Davenport lead for T.S.S. with 16 points.

The fourth quarter was M.B.A. versus Davenport as the lanky center scored 12 points of the 16 points scored in the fourth quarter. But these failed to match the 18 points the Big Red had obtained in that quarter.

The score by quarters was 18 to 3; 22 to 9; 31 to 13; and 47 to 31. The fast breaking forewall held an easy lead all the way.

M.B.A. (47) T.S.S. (31)  
Morrissey 12 F Joe Hill 1  
Worrall 19 M Hill 4  
Hawkins 4 C Davenport 16  
Lavender 9 G James Hill 2  
Wade 2 G Heller 6  
Subs: M.B.A.—McEwen, T.S.S.—Pierson 4.

### MBA Again Defeats Lipscomb, 51-30

M.B.A. defeated David Lipscomb in the second game played with them this season 51-30.

The Maroons showed great improvement. Besides playing in their own gym, they had the advantage of more game experience.

M.B.A. was never hampered by Lipscomb except early in the first quarter. Lavender paced the offense, scoring 18 points. Morrissey was also hitting a high percentage of his long shots. Hawkins was playing the pivot position much better than he had to date. For the first time this year M.B.A. broke fifty.

Our defense seemed much better than before. Worrall was exceptionally good on defense.

The only thing that the crowd noticed lacking in the whole game was a certain siren here-to-for audibly blown by a person who wishes to remain anonymous.

### TO "COACH"

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1.) "Coach" told last year. He was talking to Emmett Strickland, West coach.

"You know, Howard, you've never beaten us in a basketball game." "Quite true," remarked "Coach," "but you've never taken us at football."

This year, "Coach" took a light team, which was headed for a pretty poor season, thought many, and welded it into a crew of steel, which, figuratively speaking, almost tore up the gridiron. With this light team "Coach" built up an outfit which could run circles around most of the larger teams, an outfit which struck fast in either the air or on the ground, and an outfit which took advantage of its breaks.

The annual All-star tilt has been conducted for three years now. Each year Howard Allen has coached the Scarlet team, and each year they have been decisively victorious. This year the Scarlet team faced five All-Nashville line-men; yet they scored twenty-seven points and probably could have scored many more at will. This seems an amazing fact in itself. Even more amazing is the fact that "Coach" can in two scant weeks get a grid machine such as this running so smoothly. It also shows that "Coach" is a very fine handler of boys.

All these things prove what M.B.A. students have known for a long time: that Howard Allen is the best prep school coach in all the South. Then the outsider might wonder why "Coach" stays at M.B.A. when he doubtless has had many college offers. I suspect that he likes the boys, the spirit, the general atmosphere of our school. Well, "Coach," the feeling is certainly mutual. We're behind you 100%.

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## Personality of the Month

Personality is defined by the dictionary as "a distinctive personal character." With such a definition well in mind, it is our pleasure to present as **THE PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH** a member of the Senior class, equally popular with members of the faculty and student body—John Griscom.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griscom, John entered the first form at M.B.A. in September, 1941. His previous school years were spent at the Woodmont Grade school. He is one of the very few members of this year's graduating class to complete the entire six forms and throughout the entire time has maintained one of the highest averages in the school. No Honor Roll has been complete from '41 to '47 without the name of John Griscom. He was winner of the Second Form scholastic prize. An older brother, Tom, also attended M.B.A. and hung up a splendid record.

Griscom is serving his second year as business manager of **THE BELL RINGER** and his third year as a member of the golf team of which he was the 1946 captain. He has at various times held every class office—president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. He was a member of the Junior Honor society and is a member of the newly-organized Key Club.

John is in every respect, one of the finest boys ever to attend M.B.A. He is active both on the campus and in the class room. He combines unusual scholastic attainments with athletic ability and definite qualities of leadership. He is a loyal friend and an all-around good fellow.

However, he is human enough to have definite likes or dislikes. Some of them are as follows:

Favorite food.....steak  
Favorite sport.....golf (He was forced to say that)  
Favorite subject.....Vergil  
Hardest subject.....English  
Favorite expression.....(Oh! Bobo!) (See Bobby Waller for details).

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## COLD GYM

Anyone having gym classes last week either stood by the water heater or froze. The gym has been having heat troubles.

Tommy McEwen was ill last week. 'Tis said that playing in a cold gym may have caused his sinus attack. It's a wonder some one doesn't die from exposure to arctic temperatures while playing basketball.

An unidentified wag suggested we pour water over the floor of the gym and start a hockey team. We couldn't turn on the water, though—pipes are frozen.

## SMILE AWHILE

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 3.)  
Glen Greene bought a million 1944 calendars at a penny each.

"What on earth are you going to do with them?" he was asked.  
"It's a rather long chance," he admitted, "but, oh boy, if 1944 ever comes back, I'll make a fortune."

Dillon (at the movies): "Can you see all right?"  
Girl friend: "Yes."

Dillon: "Is there a draft on you?"  
Girl friend: "No."

Dillon: "Is your seat comfortable?"  
Girl friend: "Yes."

Dillon: "Will you change seats with me?"

Clancy wandered backstage between the acts of a musical revue and innocently started to enter a room clearly marked "Chorus girls' dressing room. Positively no admittance." A watchman nabbed him in the act.

"Can't you read?" he yelled, pointing to the sign.  
"Who's smoking?" asked Clancy.

Riding in a dog cart, one wire-haired terrier said to the other.

"Heard from your boy-friend lately?"  
"Yes indeed," was the reply, "I had a letter from him Tuesday."

## HOOTS AND DESKS

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5.)  
complicated the dismissal of the assembly. A penalty of one hour after school was laid upon the assembly for the hoots but was graciously obliterated the seventh period after a plea for lenity was put forth by Lillard Templeton and Ken Goodpasture.

And thus a light leitmotiv called "Lementine" ruptured and reunited students and headmaster in two master strokes. This humanity and understanding on the part of the headmaster endeared him to all.

## ALUMNI NEWS

By Richard Fletcher

Glad to see Joe Talbot back into circulation again after a long stay in the Army. Joe was stationed in the Caribbean area, and now discharged is planning to enter the University of Tennessee next fall.

Burford Owen, captain of the '43 football and basketball team, is now out of the Army and is going to David Lipscomb College.

Frank Blair, member of the '43 football and basketball teams, was recently discharged from the U. S. Marines and is attending Vanderbilt University, where he is regular center on the "B" basketball team.

Diz Dillon, '44, is on the wrestling team at Vanderbilt. Diz was in the U. S. Navy for two years before returning to civilian life.

We find John Thomas, '41, at Clemson University, where he has been since getting out of the Army. John is planning to go into the construction business after he graduates from Clemson.

John Butterfield, '44, is still in the Navy, but has moved from our fair state to Wisconsin, where his mother is now living.

Joe Davis, '37, great M.B.A., Vanderbilt, and Nashville tennis player, is out of the Navy and is in the coal business.

Bobby Chilton, president of the '42-'43 class, is now out of the Navy, is married, and is in business with his father in Chilton Machine Shop.

Richard Shillinglaw, '40, another great tennis star coming from M.B.A., has graduated from Vanderbilt, married, and is with E. Gray Shillinglaw & Co.

Gene Harris, III, has gone into the U. S. Army from Yale. He is now stationed way over in Korea. Hope you get back to Nashville soon, Gene.

One privileged character: "Let's cut French class."  
Second privileged character: "No, I need sleep."

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